

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

**Meeting of November 30, 2015
3:00 PM**

**NDEP Carson City Office, Great Basin Conference Room
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001
Carson City, NV 89701**

**Video Conference – NDEP Las Vegas Office, Red Rock Conference Room
2030 E. Flamingo Rd., Ste. 230
Las Vegas, NV 89119**

Members Present:

David Emme, Administrator of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection- Chairman
Leo Drozdoff, P.E., Director, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
David Gaskin, P.E., Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Transportation
Craig Madole, Assistant Executive Director, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.
Gale Fraser, Public - Retired General Mgr., Clark County Regional Flood Control Dist.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum (Discussion):

Chairman Emme called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and confirmed all members present, therefore they had a quorum.

II. Public Comment (Discussion): Chairman Emme called for public comment. There was none.

III. Introduction of Committee Members (Discussion): Chairman Emme introduced himself and stated this is the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Transportation Stormwater Management (ACTSWM), and invited the committee members to introduce themselves as well as others present.

A full account of the introductions was captured in the audio recording, available on the ACTSWM's webpage.

IV. Review of Committee and Purpose and Operation (Discussion): Chairman Emme stated the ACTSWM was established by means of Senate Bill 324. The language in the bill states the committee shall work cooperatively with the Nevada Division Environmental Protection, NDEP, to ensure the sound implementation and functioning of the stormwater program and monitor the status and efficacy of the stormwater program. In addition, this committee is to report to the Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT on the activity of the committee not less than quarterly, and NDOT subsequently reports to the Interim Finance Committee, IFC. By definition it's an advisory committee and not set up to review or approve any programs of NDOT, but simply listen and advise NDOT on implementation of the program and make recommendations if there are any.

Mr. Gaskin mentioned the committee was another measure of transparency with the stakeholders and other entities to provide updates and information on how the stormwater program develops and to seek feedback.

Mr. Drozdoff agreed that it's a measure of accountability to create a dialog and make sure people affected by this program have the ability to be part of the discussion.

V. Status Report on Development of NDOT Stormwater Management Program (For Possible Action):

Mr. Gaskin provided a handout explaining what NDOT will be presenting to the IFC Committee on December 15th. He gave an update on the origins that caused the development of the stormwater management program. The 2015 Legislature allowed 59 positions for the stormwater program, 47 new and 12 repurposed from existing vacancies at NDOT. Alan Tinney, Chief of the Stormwater Division was the first management position hired in addition to a number of managers and key positions such as Kim Smith, Public Information Officer. In addition NDOT hired a Training Officer, IT Specialists, and Maintenance Personnel that will reside at the 3 Districts of NDOT. Substantial progress has been made on hiring of positions which builds the foundation to move forward and continue to hire staff. The organization chart approved by the Legislature gave some flexibility. Half of the positions are located at NDOT in Carson City and the remaining are within the three Districts.

Mr. Malfabon commented that the Districts have hired their maintenance staff and that there are a few stormwater crews in Las Vegas, Reno and Elko which will be hired through the Districts.

Mr. Fraser asked if there was a program outline and if EPA and the State had looked at it since there are numerous people hired in a short period of time.

Mr. Gaskin specified the framework was an original draft consent agreement from EPA and that lists all the tasks EPA wants done such as training, and public outreach on the various parts of the stormwater program. Then the Legislature was presented with the resources needed to perform the job in the timeframe presented. NDOT is mainly working off the budget amendment that was approved by the Legislature and part of that was large items of equipment for stormwater. Currently there are 3 culvert cleaner trucks, 9 dust self-propelled sweepers, 16 long bed pickups and 2 sedans on order. Specialized equipment items such as camera trucks have not been ordered at this time.

Mr. Gaskin said they've been in negotiations with EPA over the past few months to work on an agreement between Nevada and EPA and they're hoping to have it completed by the end of the year or early next year.

Mr. Malfabon commented that several months before the Legislative Session passed the bill that NDOT had been working with the Districts to see what their role was with maintenance and operations and that everyone understood that it's not an environmental program, it's NDOT's program and everyone's program. He believes it speaks well to the culture change within the department that EPA wants to see.

Mr. Fraser inquired what the fiscal impacts were of EPA's Stormwater program.

Mr. Gaskin stated the budget amendment approved \$13.7 million dollars over the biennium for NDOT and there will be monthly costs for salaries, operating costs and a lot of the major equipment has been placed up front.

Mr. Malfabon commented some of the initial projects are identified in the program overview document, which would be a good document to share.

Mr. Drozdoff commented that it represents a big commitment, but it also represents an understanding of the scope of the program that will carry over to future permittees. This effort provides clarity.

Mr. Fraser mentioned the stormwater program may require a lot more emphasis around Lake Tahoe or the Truckee River compared to the middle of the state.

Mr. Gaskin stated many of discussions with EPA allow for flexibility and direct NDOT to have prioritization as part of the process when looking at where a certain measure should be instituted.

Chairman Emme commented that the State and NDOT have been very pro-active in getting this program up and running very quickly, getting staff hired and budget in place. The committee can look at updates in the future on staffing and the like, but will also focus on more of the program elements. A quarterly meeting frequency was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 9:00 a.m. in Carson City with the room location within DCNR to be determined.

NDEP and NDOT will forward materials/information to Mr. Fraser a week prior to the scheduled meeting.

Ms. Smith, PIO mentioned NDOT has a stormwater webpage with information and that they're updating their website. NDOT will have links to their education outreach videos, stormwater updates, public meetings related to stormwater and permit information, etc. She'll email the links of NDOT's website page to the members.

Chairman Emme stated NDEP will set up an ACTSWM webpage to maintain documents as well.

The full account of these meeting summary minutes was captured in an audio recording.

- VI.** Public Comment: Steve Parrish, with the Clark County Regional Flood Control District, commented that their efforts in southern Nevada may overlap a little, but he is looking forward to working with all the parties and combining efforts in southern Nevada. He's planning a trip to meet with NDEP and would like to meet with NDOT stormwater staff in mid to late January.

Adjourned - 3:34 p.m.